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Sincerely,

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All right, title, and interest in the above-identified patent application has been assigned to MeadWestvaco Corporation, from the inventor(s), Stephen D. Wehmeyer, by the Assignment filed in the above-identified application (a copy of which is attached hereto).

The undersigned, as Assistant Secretary of MeadWestvaco Corporation, has reviewed the evidentiary documents for the above-identified patent application and hereby certifies that to the best of his knowledge and belief, all right, title, and interest in and to the above-identified application is in MeadWestvaco Corporation, the party seeking to take this action.

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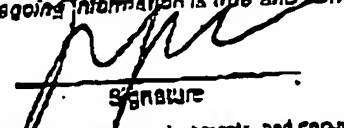
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ASSIGNMENT


WHEREAS, Stephen D. Wehmeyer, of the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton and State of Ohio, invented certain new and useful BINDER WITH SPINE STORAGE COMPARTMENT (Docket No. 100041-41186) for which I/we executed an application for letters patent of the United States;

AND WHEREAS, Mead Westvaco Corporation a corporation of the State of Delaware, with a place of business at One High Ridge Park, Stamford, Connecticut, 06905, hereinafter called the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the inventions therein disclosed and any letters patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I/we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, any application claiming priority therefrom, any non-provisionals, divisions or continuations thereof, and the inventions therein disclosed, and any improvements thereon, and any patent or patents that may be issued or reissued thereon, and I/we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent thereon, and reissues thereof, to said Assignee, its successors and assigns; and I/we hereby authorize said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to file in its own name applications for patent in foreign countries in connection with the inventions hereby transferred, under the International Convention claiming the priority of said United States application or otherwise, and to secure in its own name the patent or patents issued thereon; and I/we hereby agree that, upon request, I/we will sign all papers, and make all rightful oaths, and do all acts which said Assignee, its successors or assigns, may consider necessary in connection with said United States application, and in connection with any other United States or foreign applications that may be filed in connection with said inventions, and with any improvements thereon, and in connection with any patents issued or reissued thereon.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of

March, 2004.


Stephen D. Wehmeyer

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Assignment

STATE OF OHIO)
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On this 12th day of March, 2004 before me a Notary Public in
and for the above County and State, personally appeared the above named, Stephen D.
Wehmeyer, personally known to me, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing
assignment as a free act and deed for the purpose herein set forth.

Virginia R. Sypulski
Notary Public

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